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Dear Commissioner Quello:

RE: CC Docket 96-45 - Universal Service to Schools and Libraries ,

I am writing in strong support of the meaningful discounts for schools and libraries as envisioned by the Federal-State Joint Board in their Recommended Rules published last November.

The Recommended Rules allow schools and libraries significant discounts for the telecommunications and *critical, non-telecommunications* services necessary to assure that *all* of our schools are connected to the Internet, and other on-line resources that are critical to live, learn and work in an increasingly information-driven world.

Congress passed the Telecommunications Act of 1996 with the clear intent of insuring that Schools and Libraries would be able to access the latest technology. By allowing significant discounts on telecommunications services, local wiring and Internet access, the Joint Board has accurately recognized the needs of poorer schools that cannot afford the internal wiring necessary to connect with the Internet. By allowing telco and non-telco carriers to compete for the discounts, the Joint Board has also recognized the need for diverse technologies to serve the diverse urban and rural areas of the State.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter for our schools and libraries -- and -- ultimately for us all, as a better educated community benefits everyone. Please do not hesitate to call if we can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,
Neil and Rosemary Castello

Shippensburg Area School District DOCKET FILE COPY ORIGINAL
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The Honorable James Quello
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M. Street, NW, Room 844
Washington, DC 20554

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RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Quello:

I am the Assistant Business Administrator from the Shippensburg Area School District in Shippensburg, Pennsylvania. One of my duties is working with our schools to advance technology for our students. I would like to thank you for your efforts in ensuring that all schools and libraries will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

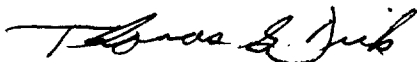
The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan will provide even the poorest school districts the opportunity to connect to the Internet and provide distance-learning opportunities. The \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of schools across the country. More importantly, the plan will bring services directly to the classroom to enhance student learning. The inclusion of internal classroom connections for discounts is vital to making learning accessible.

We plan to use the discounts available to provide internet connections in our classrooms and libraries. Teaching students how to use the new technology will be vital in preparing our students to enter the ever changing workforce of tomorrow.

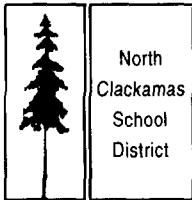
Our students need deep discounts for telecommunications services this year. I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools and libraries.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



Thomas G. Dick
317 North Morris Street
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Ron Naso
Superintendent

NORTH CLACKAMAS SCHOOL DISTRICT 12

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April 25, 1997

The Honorable James Quello, Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street NW, Room 844
Washington, DC 20554

RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Quello:

As Superintendent of Schools for North Clackamas School District, I urge you to fully support the universal service plan of the Joint Board. We are active users of the Internet in all of our schools although we do not yet have service to every classroom in the District. We are also extensively involved in distance learning delivering health occupation and other classes to classrooms in rural Oregon. Expansion of both of these efforts would be greatly advanced with discounted telecommunications costs that include classroom connections as well as lower communications line costs.

Schools across the State of Oregon are facing serious funding challenges while trying to deliver high quality educational programs. Discounted telecommunications rates will not only allow school districts to leverage resources, they will help all of us to deliver a better educational experience to our students.

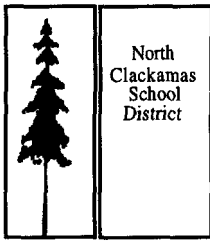
Thank you for your support of affordable access to Information Superhighway resources by our nations's students.

Sincerely,

Ronald Naso
Superintendent

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**North Clackamas School District
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Blair Loudat, Director

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The Honorable James Quello
Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street NW, Room 844
Washington, DC 20554

RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Quello:

As the Director of Technology and Information Services for North Clackamas School District I deeply appreciate your interest in making access to the Internet and distance learning more affordable for schools and libraries through the Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan.

North Clackamas School District is proud that each school in our district has access to the Internet. However, due to continued funding and operating cost issues in the State of Oregon and in this school district, completion of our plan to bring the Internet to every classroom in the District is in serious jeopardy. Your full support of the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools that includes inside wiring will help us to realize our plans for the full integration of technology and world-wide resources into classroom teaching.

Thank you for your effort on behalf of student's across the country.

Sincerely,

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Federal Communications Commission
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Washington, DC 20554

Re: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Quello:

I am a teacher from the Murray School District. I am interested in assuring that my students have the advantages offered by modern technology and access to the Information Superhighway. Without access to that educational experience, they will graduate and enter the workforce unprepared for the 21st Century.

Thank you for your dedication in ensuring that all schools and libraries will have affordable access to this important teaching and learning technology.

The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan will make it possible for even the poorest schools to connect to the Internet and provide distance learning. The \$2.25 billion per year will bring services directly to the classroom where students learn.

I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools and libraries, including discounts for the internal classroom connections. Our students need these services and deep discounts. Thank you.

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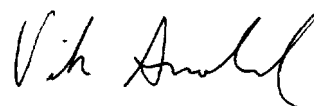
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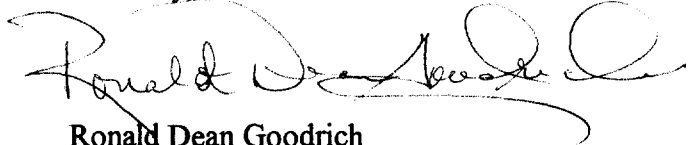
I am a teacher from the Box Elder School District, and I am very Interested in assuring that my students have the advantages offered by modern technology and access to the Information Superhighway. Without access to that educational experience, they will graduate and enter the workforce unprepared for the 21st Century.

Thank you for your dedication in ensuring that all schools and libraries will have affordable access to this important teaching and learning technology.

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Sincerely,



Ronald Dean Goodrich



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Regional Educational Media Center Association of Michigan

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The Honorable James Quello, Commissioner
Federal Communication Commission
1919 M. Street, N.W., Room 844
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Commissioner Quello:

The Regional Educational Media Centers (REMC) in the state of Michigan provide a wide range of services to the students and school personnel we serve throughout the state. Technology integration and access to advanced telecommunication resources are one of our most highly requested responsibilities. We have watched the amazing growth in the use of technology in our schools for over 20 years. And now with the advent of the Internet, distance learning, and other advanced telecommunication resources we are seeing a new era in the type and volume of information that can be made available to all of our students.

The Telecommunications Act of 1996 has set up the means by which public schools can have affordable access to these important resources. The recommendations of the Joint Federal-State Board have spelled out the process by which these valuable resources can be brought into every school in the nation. As an organization we support these recommendations, and believe that access to affordable advanced telecommunication services will be one of the prerequisites for all learning in the future.

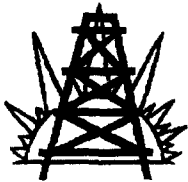
Our schools have for years been working to integrate technology into the classroom. They have developed technology plans, and begun wiring their districts for voice, video and data traffic. They have worked with us to train their teachers in the use of technology with students. We are becoming partners with other organizations as we begin putting together a state wide network. But we still need your help. Access to advanced telecommunication services will be an ongoing cost, and it must be affordable to all districts regardless of their economic status. This resource is far too important to be dependent on where a student happens to live.

We strongly urge the Federal Communications Commission to support the Joint Board's recommendations for universal service in the schools and libraries of this country.

Thank You.

Sincerely,

Beverly Knox-Pipes, President
REMC Association of Michigan



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The Honorable James Quello, Commissioner
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RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Quello:

I am the principal from Sunburst Schools, Sunburst, MT., and I would like to thank you for your dedication in ensuring that all school districts and education consortia will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board decision will guarantee that all school districts will have the opportunity to connect to the Internet and provide distance-learning opportunities. The \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of all our schools, and importantly, the plan will bring services directly to the classroom where students learn. Your inclusion of internal classroom connections for discounts is vital. This plan is essential for preparing the workforce for tomorrow.

We, in Sunburst, would utilize these discounts as we prepare our school with technology for the 21st century. We would be able to have more access to Fax machines and Internet for more of our classrooms. Currently, we only supply 2 Internet computers for 200 students.

Our students need deep discounts for telecommunications services this year. I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Kathy Johnson

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HINSDALE, MONTANA 59241

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The Honorable James Quello, Commissioner
Federal Communication Commission
1919 M. Street, NW. Room 844
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RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

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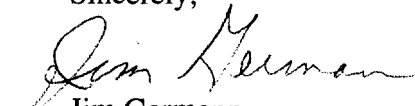
As superintendent of school in Hinsdale Montana, I would like to thank you for your support of education. We are a rural school that depends greatly on our access to the internet. Currently, the local REA is proposing a \$2000 a year cost for internet access over our existing fiber optic line that would allow access for up to twelve computers at a time. Currently, we are running two copper lines into the school for our computer modems, but this limits us to two computers on-line at a time. We need financial help to open the internet for all students

The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board decision will guarantee that all school districts will have the opportunity to connect to the internet and provide distance-learning opportunities. Last year, we installed a distance learning lab that will cost \$8000 a year for line charges. These charges are hurting our small school. The \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of all our schools and enable us to continue expanding our internet and distance learning access. We would be able to apply the discounts to our electronic access utilizing the fiber optic line.

The students in Hinsdale utilize e-mail and the internet daily. We are teaching our students how to utilize electronic communications in all classes. I urge the FCC to support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools.

Thank you.

Sincerely,


Jim Germann
Superintendent

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WEST CONTRA COSTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Herbert M. Cole, Jr., Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

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The Honorable James Quello, Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
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RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Quello:

I am writing to you regarding the Federal "E-Rate" Telecommunications Discount Program. I am a locally-elected school board member from the West Contra Costa Unified School District, and I would like to express my strong support for this program and the proposed regulations governing its implementation.

The Telecommunications Act of 1996 and the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan will guarantee that even the poorest schools will have access to the Internet and the ability to provide distance-learning opportunities. The \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of schools across the country; and, more importantly, the plan will bring telecommunications services directly to the classrooms where they can have the greatest impact on students. It is important to remember that each element of this plan is vital to the overall success of the discount program. Therefore, the inclusion of discounts for internal classroom connections should not be eliminated, nor should the size of the Universal Service Fund be reduced. As I am sure you are aware, this program is essential for preparing our students to enter the workforce of tomorrow.

The E-Rate Telecommunications Discount Program is desperately overdue, and our students need these discounts for telecommunications services this year. I urge you and the other FCC commissioners to fully support the recommendations of the Joint Board and approve the proposed final regulations regarding the discount plan for universal service for schools and libraries.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Diana Easton

Diana Easton, Clerk
Board of Education

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The Honorable James H. Quello, Commissioner
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Re: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Quello:

I am a teacher from the Jordan School District. I am interested in assuring that my students have the advantages offered by modern technology and access to the Information Superhighway. Without access to that educational experience, they will graduate and enter the workforce unprepared for the 21st Century.

Thank you for your dedication in ensuring that all schools and libraries will have affordable access to this important teaching and learning technology.

The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan will make it possible for even the poorest schools to connect to the Internet and provide distance learning. The \$2.25 billion per year will bring services directly to the classroom where students learn.

I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools and libraries, including discounts for the internal classroom connections. Our students need these services and deep discounts. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Nikki Peterson

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The Honorable James H. Quello, Commissioner
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I am a teacher from the Logan City School District. I am interested in assuring that my students have the advantages offered by modern technology and access to the Information Superhighway. Without access to that educational experience, they will graduate and enter the workforce unprepared for the 21st Century.

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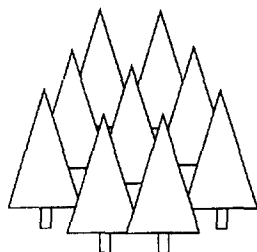
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Sincerely,

Nancy J. Shipka

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James Quello, Commissioner
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From: [illegible]
Date: [illegible]

MICHAEL W. SIBITZ
Superintendent

RE: CC DOCKET NO. 96-45

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Dear Commissioner Quello:

I am writing to you in regards to the federal "E-Rate" Telecommunications Discount Program. I am a locally elected school board member from Sylvan Union School District, Modesto, California, and I would like to express my strong support for this program and the proposed regulations governing its implementation.

The Telecommunications Act of 1996 and the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan will guarantee that even the poorest schools will have access to the Internet and the ability to provide distance-learning opportunities. The \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of schools across the country, and more importantly, the plan will bring telecommunications services directly to the classrooms, where they can have the greatest impact on students. It is important to remember that each element of this plan is vital to the overall success of the discount program. Therefore, the inclusion of discounts for internal classroom connections should not be eliminated, nor should the size of the Universal Service Fund be reduced. As I am sure you are aware, this program is essential for preparing our students to enter the workforce of tomorrow.

The E-Rate Telecommunications Discount Program is desperately overdue and our students need these discounts for telecommunications services this year. I urge you and the other FCC commissioners to fully support the recommendations of the Joint Board and approve the proposed final regulations regarding the discount plan for universal service for schools and libraries.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Margery Neder

Margery Neder, President
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I am a teacher from the Nebo School District. I am interested in assuring that my students have the advantages offered by modern technology and access to the Information Superhighway. Without access to that educational experience, they will graduate and enter the workforce unprepared for the 21st Century.

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Rhonda M. Proctor

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We have an exciting reading program which is computer based and because of our lack of computers, students are unable to fully realize the full potential of this program.

I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools and libraries, including discounts for the internal classroom connections. Our students need these services and deep discounts. Thank you.

Sincerely,



T.M. Leydsman

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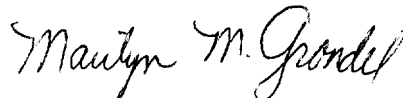
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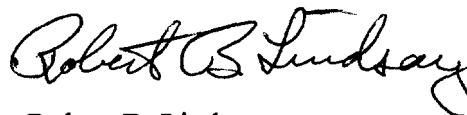
I am a teacher from the Granite School District. I am interested in assuring that my students have the advantages offered by modern technology and access to the Information Superhighway. Without access to that educational experience, they will graduate and enter the workforce unprepared for the 21st Century.

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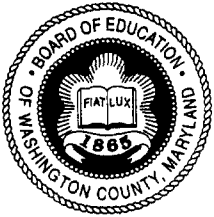
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Sincerely,



Robert B. Lindsay



B. MARIE BYERS
President

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B. Marie Byers, President
Board of Education of Washington County

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The Honorable James Quello
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW, Room 844
Washington, DC 20554

RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Quello,

I am a Technology Coordinator from Lebanon School District in Lebanon, Pennsylvania and I would like to thank you for your dedication in ensuring that all schools and libraries will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

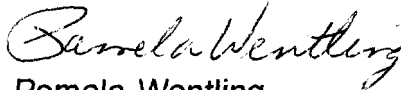
The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan will guarantee that even the poorest schools will have the opportunity to connect to the Internet and provide distance-learning opportunities. The \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of all our schools, and importantly, the plan will bring services directly to the classroom where students learn. Your inclusion of internal classroom connections for discounts is vital. This plan is essential for preparing the workforce of tomorrow.

Our district has a five-year Technology Plan that identifies the need for internal voice, data and video networks for our seven buildings and upgrading for a wide area network for connectivity within and outside our district. Internet and other distance-learning access to all classrooms, libraries, and offices is another identified need. We need the discount plan to help us provide the solutions to these needs.

Our students need deep discounts for telecommunications services this year. I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools and libraries.

Thank you.

Sincerely,


Pamela Wentling

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FRANKLIN AREA EDUCATION ASSOCIATION
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Dear Commissioner Quello:

We write in support of meaningful discounts on telecommunications services for schools and libraries so that every school child and life-long learner can have access to the world of information technology. The Telecommunications Act—through its Universal Service Fund provisions—mandate the development of special discount rates for all schools and libraries so that they can secure services at affordable prices.

There is no doubt that advanced telecommunications services are important to improving learning, sparking the imagination and leveling the playing field for all of our nation's people. Affordable access to technology in all classrooms and libraries will assure that our children and life-long learners can connect with the technology they would need to compete in today's and tomorrow's workforce. Advanced telecommunications services in the classroom will also create informed and skilled consumers of new technology well into the 21st century.

Last November, the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service sent to the Federal Communications Commissions (FCC) a set of recommendations for implementing the Universal Service Fund provisions related to schools and libraries. These recommendations would give our learning institutions significant discounts on all services that are commercially available, with deeper discounts for those schools and libraries least able to pay and more expensive to service. All schools would get discounts on connections to classrooms and Internet connectivity, both of which are essential to providing the most advanced learning opportunities to the greatest number of students.

We urge your support for the Joint Board's recommendations. Taken as a whole, they will provide affordable discounts for a full range of services, and give schools and libraries flexibility in choosing the services needed to meet each community's diverse needs. Most importantly, these provisions of adopted by the FCC, will make advanced technology for learning available to all Americans.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Jean M. Snyder
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Franklin Area Education Association

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April 28, 1997

The Honorable James Quello
Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW, Room 844
Washington, DC 20554

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RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Quello:

I am Assistant Superintendent for the Tamaqua Area School District and I would like to thank you for your dedication in ensuring that all schools and libraries will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan will guarantee that even the poorest schools will have the opportunity to connect to the Internet and provide distance-learning opportunities. The \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of all our schools, and importantly, the plan will bring services directly to the classroom where students learn. Your inclusion of internal classroom connections for discounts is vital. This plan is essential for preparing the workforce of tomorrow.

As we wrestle with the development of LAN's, WAN's and internet access, we are faced with several challenges. They include the logistics involved when integrating the use of current technology to enhance instruction as well as the financial constraints which are a fact of life for a school district. The implementation of the Telecommunications Act can assist us as we strive to provide the best resources while controlling costs.

Our students would benefit from deep discounts for telecommunications services this year. I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools and libraries.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Frederick T. Bausch
Assistant Superintendent

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To : The Honorable James Quello
From: Carole Budilov
Special Education Teacher
Hatboro Horsham High School
899 Horsham Road
Horsham, PA 19044

Re: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Quello,

I am a teacher from Hatboro Horsham School District and would like to thank you for your dedication in ensuring that all schools and libraries will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

The Telecommunications Act and Federal Joint Board discount plan will guarantee that even the poorest schools will have the opportunity to connect to the Internet and provide learning opportunities. The \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of all the schools, and give services directly to the classrooms. Your inclusion of internal classroom connections for discounts is vital to all students and educators. It will help us get the students ready for the next millenium.

As a special education teacher I have already included resources for my classes. We have connected to the Internet and communicated with people in other countries that we have been studying. It is a great hands-on tool for all students to be exposed to while in a classroom setting.

Our students need deep discounts for telecommunications services this year. I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools and libraries.

Thank you for your support.
Sincerely,

Carole Budilov

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The Honorable Susan Ness, Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street Northwest
Room 844
Washington, DC 20554

RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Ness:

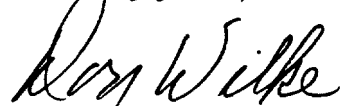
I am Superintendent of the Caledonia School District, Caledonia, Minnesota and I would like to thank you for your dedication in ensuring that all school districts and education consortia will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board decision will guarantee that all school districts will have the opportunity to connect to the Internet and provide distance-learning opportunities. The \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of all our schools, and importantly, the plan will bring services directly to the classroom where students learn. Your inclusion of internal classroom connections for discounts is vital. This plan is essential for preparing the workforce of tomorrow.

Caledonia School District has made a major financial commitment to wire our two school buildings but would greatly benefit by receiving assistance with discounts for services. I urge the FCC to fully support the Joint Board's discount plan for universal service for schools.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,



Don Wilke, Superintendent

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RE: Docket No. 96-45

Dear Commissioner Ness:

I am a Title I Teacher Coordinator from the Taylor School District, and I would like to thank you for ensuring that all schools will have affordable access to the Information Superhighway.

The Telecommunications Act and the Federal-State Joint Board discount plan will guarantee that all schools will have the opportunity to connect to the Internet and provide distance-learning opportunities. The \$2.25 billion a year will address the needs of our schools, and bring services directly to the classroom.

Students in the Taylor School District need discounted telecommunications service. With it our many Chapter I schools will have access that would have otherwise been denied.

Please support the Joint Board's discount plan for service to schools and libraries.

Sincerely,

Richard Irwin, Coordinator
School Improvement

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